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It's Snow Wonder!



Last Monday afternoon, Feb. 17, an energetic and determined Erin Travers pulled her 7-year-old brother, Lee Travers IV, and snowball-toting, 11-year-old sister, Mackenzie Travers, around their Patriot Village front yard on a plastic sled that Lee has dubbed, "Blue." Earlier that day, in honor of Presidents' Day, the Travers kids were playing hockey and skating on an ice patch behind their house, as well as pretending to sift through snow banks to unearth the remains of Abraham Lincoln. "He's my favorite president," said Erin, 9, a fourth grade student at Roye-Williams Elementary School in Havre de Grace. "I read about him all the time. I just like finding out about him. It was a mystery about how he died." The Travers children, all of whom attend Roye-Williams Elementary, are the offspring of Michelle and Lee Travers III, the latter of whom is an officer with the APG Police Department. "Today is a real treat for us," said Mackenzie, "because most years there's no snow on Presidents' Day. This is great." Alluding to the snowfall this week and last week, Erin gushed, "This was a big surprise for us. But we love it!"

Photo by Alan Feiler

CVC addresses post concerns

By **DEBORAH INCE**
APG News

The Community Voice Committee, or CVC, held its first meeting of the calendar year Feb. 11 in the Garrison main conference room to discuss issues regarding APG.

The committee, which meets bimonthly, is led by Garrison Commander Col. Gregory R. McClinton and Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. James E. Ervin.

"This is part of the colonel's efforts to gather representatives of the APG community and have a roundtable discussion on issues that affect the quality of life on post," said Staff Action Officer Karen Dern of the Office of the Garrison Commander.

Among the topics discussed at

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CID clarifies false website confusion

The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command wants to clarify a press release that was issued Feb. 6, to help avoid any possible confusion regarding a false website and the official U.S. Army benefits website for former and current service members.

In the announcement, CID accurately released that a website claiming to be an official U.S. Army benefits website, using the web address www.usmilitarybenefit.org, is **NOT** an official U.S. Army website and it is not affiliated, nor endorsed in any way by the U.S. Army.

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Pins pay tribute to Family sacrifices



Gold Star

Philip T. Warman was among the recipients of Gold Star and Next of Kin Deceased Personnel lapel pins who recently appeared in public service announcements on behalf of the DoD-issued honors. In November 2009, his wife, Lt. Col. Juanita L. Warman, was among the 13 people killed in the Fort Hood, Tex., shooting rampage. A certified psychiatric nurse practitioner, Lt. Col. Warman, 55, was a mother of five and grandmother of eight.

"She liked the Army very much, was very dedicated to it," Philip Warman said. "She was very good at helping Soldiers through their problems."

On a personal level, he said the pin serves as "a reminder of the loss of my wife and what I went through immediately after that. It's also a bond for the price she paid and the price the family paid."

But Warman said the pin has a more universal meaning as well. "It symbolizes what was given for liberty and freedom," he says. "Freedom means being able to lead your life as you wish with consideration for other people, but following your own goal in life and finding your own goal in life."

"When I put the pin on," Warman said, "I think of Juanita and I think of how she died but how she lived."

The Gold Star lapel pin was created in 1947 for surviving family members of service members who died while deployed in support of Overseas Contingency Operations, or who died from wounds sustained in combat. The Next of Kin Deceased Personnel lapel pin was created in 1973 for the primary next of kin of service members who lost their lives while serving on active duty or while assigned to an Army Reserve or Army National Guard unit in a drill status. The lapel pins and the PSAs are coordinated by Army Survivor Outreach Services, which provides support to more than 55,790 surviving military family members. Contact APG's Survivor Outreach Services Coordinator Annette Sanders at 410-278-2861



Next of Kin



Philip T. Warman holds a photo and service cap of his late wife. Warman calls the Gold Star lapel pin "a reminder of the loss of my wife and what I went through immediately after that. ... It symbolizes what was given for liberty and freedom."

DoD image

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Motivational speaker coming to APG

By **RACHEL PONDER**
APG News

The APG community is invited to attend "Take Control of Your Life 2014," a free seminar March 6 at the Myer Auditorium, Bldg. 6000, featuring motivational speaker and military veteran Ty Howard from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event is sponsored by Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, Army Substance Abuse Program and the Community Health Promotion Council.

Howard, the editor-in-chief of *Motivation* magazine, a life coach and author of "Untie the Knots That Tie Up Your Life," will speak about the "knots" or challenges that hold people back from living a more happy and successful life. These knots include fear, stress, toxic habits, negative attitudes and difficult relationships.

Howard will also discuss how to successfully make and achieve obtainable goals, and how to enjoy healthier and more rewarding relationships.

"I encourage people to quit marking time [marching in place] and move forward in their

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Courtesy photo
Ty Howard offers a visual illustration of a life lived in "knots" and the challenges that hold people back from living a more happy and successful life.

Aggressive driving taken seriously on APG

Story and photo by **RACHEL PONDER**
APG News

Aggressive driving, according to Maryland vehicle law, consists of at least three violations that can occur in a continuous movement. This behavior can include speeding, tailgating, frequent and unnecessary lane changes, failure to stop at a red light or stop sign, or passing on the shoulder lane.

Traffic Section Supervisor Lt. Joseph Davis of the Directorate of Emergency Services said aggressive driving, as defined above, is fairly rare at APG. He said incidents of road rage – defined by the Merriam-Webster Dictionary as "anger and aggressive behavior by a driver who is upset by how another person is driving" -- are also uncommon.

"The last reported incident of road rage on APG occurred six



Photo by Rachel Ponder
If APG drivers see a motorist driving or acting dangerously, they should immediately call 911, record the offending vehicle's license plate number if possible, and get a description of the violator.

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STREET TALK

So what would you do if you won this week's \$400 million Powerball jackpot?

I would take care of my Family and set up the ultimate college funds for my boys.



Nicki McCurtrie
U.S. Army spouse, APG resident

I'd leave work and take care of my kids.



Darryl Weathers
APG Calibration Lab

I would pay the bills, and I would be good to my Family.



Sandy McCaslin
Commissary employee

I'm about to graduate college, so the first thing I'd do is give money to my dad to help pay that off.



Jada Newman
Commissary employee

I'd give half of it to charity and give \$100 million to Army and Air Force Relief. I wouldn't need that much to live off of. There are a lot of good organizations out there that can use it to help a lot of people.



Greg Branch
Retired Army and Air Force

OPINION

Some good news, some bad news...

By **PAT BEAUCHAMP**
APG News Editor

I'm beginning to feel like a broken record. For you folks too young to remember phonograph records, they would skip and replay the same section over and over if they had a crack or scratch on them.

Anyway, I stepped on the scale last Wednesday and -- here's the bad news -- it's UP one pound. I know that's not a lot. But it should have been down a bit. Or so I thought, until I did some reflecting.

Again, no excuses, but possible reasons might include that I'm not getting enough water; I'm getting almost no exercise; I've made some bad food choices over the past few weeks. I also have a part-time job where I work crazy hours and seem to need to eat in the middle of the night if I want to stay awake while driving home in the early morning hours.

I've also learned that stress can cause weight gain. I'm stressed for a number of reasons right now, but the main reason is that I've applied for a VSIP and am awaiting the decision. I have been a federal employee for more than 32 years now. It's time to retire, but making a major life change like this is stressful.



But the good news is that as you read this, I will be on a ship somewhere in the Caribbean, sipping a cold drink with a tiny paper umbrella in it. (Actually, I don't drink, but it is a rather nice image, don't you think?) I plan to do a lot of relaxing -- by the pool, in a hot tub, sleeping, in a casino, walking the deck, doing excursions at the ports of call, reading, crocheting and knitting. And I plan to come back several pounds lighter.

I believe in my first commentary in this series, I mentioned that I'd been on six cruises over the last six years. The least amount of weight I'd ever lost on them is three pounds. I've been chatting online with my friend, Richard Simmons (yes, *the* Richard Simmons), and he's supporting me from afar. He told me to just imagine him being on the ship with me. I absolutely can imagine him on the cruise with me (four of those six cruises have been Richard Simmons' "Cruises to Lose"). I know what he does when he sees people eating something they shouldn't. (It isn't always pretty, folks.) That will keep me from making really bad food choices.

So, I'm down a total of five pounds from the beginning of this challenge. That isn't a lot, considering I need to lose about 70 pounds (or more), but it's a beginning. And I *WILL* lose more.

I'll check back in with you in two more weeks. *Bon voyage!*

Faith comes from the gut, not the camel

By **ALAN FEILER**
APG News

A few years ago -- more than I care to remember -- an old friend of mine was working at a lab at the University of Arizona. The rather rebellious son of a Church of the Brethren minister, my buddy was assisting a renowned scientist and his team of investigators who were examining small samples of the Shroud of Turin, the famed linen cloth of antiquity that some theologians and others contend was possibly the burial shroud of Jesus of Nazareth.

Looking for the inside scoop, I asked my friend whether his group had yet determined if the shroud did indeed belong to Jesus. He simply looked blankly at me. "Hey, even if it turns out that it is what they say it is, that's not the point," he said. "Faith is about faith. Period. Not about proving something."

I was reminded of this exchange last week when reading that a group of researchers recently concluded that the appearance of camels in the Book of Genesis, at the time of the patriarchs Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, is an outright fallacy.

It seems that archaeologists Dr. Erez Ben-Yosef and Dr. Lidar Sapir-Hen of Tel Aviv University used radiocarbon to pinpoint that the earliest domesticated camels in the Holy Land date back to the last third of the 10th century B.C. That's centuries after the patriarchs lived and, according to the Bible, *schlepped* around on camels.

The findings were published in the university journal *Tel Aviv*. While viewing the camel's frequent cameos in that section of Scripture as an anachronistic faux pas of the Bible's authorship (divine or otherwise), biblical scholar Noam Mizrahi cautioned, "One should be careful not to rush to the conclusion that the new archaeological findings automatically deny any historical value from the biblical stories." I'd have to agree.

Sometimes, people take the Bible quite literally, to extremes. That's usually not a good policy. Folks have been



Photo by Molly Blosse
Hump Day! Does anyone really care if camels weren't around in Abraham's time?

known to get killed when their fellow citizens employ a literalist approach to Scripture. With its rich tapestry of stories and lessons, the Good Book should never be taken completely at face value.

At the same time, non-believers shouldn't get on their high horses either. The mention of an animal that was reportedly not yet domesticated in that region at that time does not nullify the Bible or faith systems in general.

Does anyone truly care if, perhaps, the Bible needed a better fact-checker? If old Abe, Ike and Jake didn't ride around on Joe Camel's Middle Eastern ancestor, is that akin to saying "Gone with the Wind" is lightweight literature simply because Margaret Mitchell wrote that Scarlett O'Hara wore a certain petticoat style that was actually not introduced into Southern fashion culture until the last decade of the 19th century?

My friend was right. Faith is faith. Period. No archaeological

discoveries can refute or disqualify faith.

In 1992, I was fortunate enough to journey to Israel with a press junket of Maryland journalists of all backgrounds and spiritual orientations. I'd been there twice before, but the rest of the scribes were first-timers. I'll never forget one older, grizzled journalist I'd befriended on the trip, a gentleman who attended church services every week. We were in northern Israel, getting off a tour bus and approaching the Sea of Galilee.

I was just chatting with the man, walking toward the coastline, when suddenly I turned and looked at him. He was no longer at eye level; he was on his knees, weeping, convulsing. When I stooped down and said, "Bob, are you okay?" all he could whisper was, "He walked here, conducted his ministry on this ground, and I'm here. I can't believe it." The moment had caught up with him, and it moved me, too.

That's what faith is all about.

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Vice chief honors black engineers at conference

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Advancements in medical and weapons technology, developed by science, technology, engineering, and mathematics professionals, help the Army win wars and save lives, said the service's vice chief of staff.

At this year's ninth annual Stars and Stripes recognition dinner, part of the 2014 Black Engineer of the Year STEM conference, on Feb. 7 in Washington, D.C., Vice Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. John F. Campbell served as the keynote speaker and presenter for two awards to both uniformed and Senior Executive Service African-American engineers. STEM refers to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

Brig. Gen. C. David Turner, commander, South Pacific Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, earned the award for Army general officer. Alvin D. Thornton, director of the engineering directorate, Edgewood Chemical Biological Center, U.S. Army Research, Development, and Engineering Command, earned the civilian award.

The 2014 Non-Commissioned Officer award went to Sgt. 1st Class Milvia Mae Kendrick, and was presented by Sgt. Maj. of the Army Raymond F. Chandler III.

Addressing an audience of about 400 BEYA conference attendees, Campbell highlighted an Army officer who broke boundaries by becoming the first African-American four-star general. Gen. Roscoe Robinson was a 1951 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., and served in the Army from 1951 through 1985. He was an engineer.

"For 35 years, during one of the most important eras for race relations in our country's history -- he fought in Korea, he fought in Vietnam. As a lieutenant, he served as a platoon leader in a segregated, all-black unit, in a time when black men could not serve in positions of authority over white

men," Campbell said. "Through perseverance, determination, and a strong educational foundation, he went on to become the Army's first African-American four-star general."

Campbell used Robinson as a launching point to highlight the difficulty the Army has in attracting minorities and minorities with STEM educations. He said in the United States, the percentage of engineering graduates is below 5 percent. China, he said, graduates STEM professionals at about 31 percent.

But Campbell told attendees that the Army is a competitive employer for STEM professionals. The service offers scholarships, is on the cutting edge of technology, and "can guarantee a job for any hardworking individual, and potential for advancement."

Campbell said the Army has several avenues to reach out to youth, including an emphasis on minority youth, to inspire them to pursue STEM career fields. A workshop in Atlanta, led by engineering students from the West Point, and sponsored by the Atlanta West Point Society, exposes local youth to Army programs for those interested in STEM career fields, he said. "These efforts to educate are having an effect."

The Army's Reserve Officer Training Corps program is also among leading sponsors of college education in the U.S. The Army, he said, provides \$240 million in scholarships to about 13,000 students at over 1,000 schools, including 23 historically black schools.

And the Army Educational Outreach program works across the country to provide STEM education opportunities to schools representing all social and economic backgrounds.

In a room full of engineers, Campbell said that after leading Soldiers in combat, he knows they trust the equipment they are issued to both let them win and to protect them from enemy attacks.

"When Soldiers lob rounds on target, they trust they can call on an M777 Howitzer with Excalibur rounds to give them the precision fire they need with-



Vice Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. John F. Campbell (right) presented Brig. Gen. C. David Turner with a recognition award during the ninth Annual Stars and Stripes recognition dinner, part of the 2014 Black Engineer of the Year STEM conference, Feb. 7, in Washington, D.C. Turner's wife, Marsha, appeared with him on stage.

in two meters," he said. "When Soldiers believe there might be an improvised explosive device, they trust they can see the enemy emplace it during the day or night with their Gray Eagle unmanned aerial vehicle, with their hand-launched Puma [unmanned aerial vehicles], or with their JLENS aerostat with over-the-horizon cameras. They trust that they can jam the [IED] with their man-packable four-frequency jammers, or detect it with their ... ground penetrating radar and metal detectors."

And if they do get hit with an improvised explosive device, or IED, he said, Soldiers are protected "with the best body armor, and best vehicles in the world." He said mine-resistant ambush-protected vehicles, known as MRAPs, for instance, and the double-V hull Strykers have decreased casualties by 30 percent in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Even more than weapons, Campbell said, medical advancements build trust among service members, "inspiring confidence in the all-volunteer force -- that we have their back when we go to war."

Studies from Vietnam and Somalia, he said, show that as many as 70 percent of battlefield deaths are the result of bleeding in the arms and legs. Medical engineering advancements such as the combat application tourniquet, and hemostatic dressings have addressed that.

He also said within 72 hours of injury, Soldiers can be home in the United States getting medical treatment. "What is most important in all of this is the tactics, techniques and proce-

dures that scientists, doctors, and engineers have built," he said,

Prosthetic technology, the product of advanced medical engineering research has greatly improved the ability of Soldiers to function after losing a limb. Prior to 2001, he said, prosthetic arms could perform two or three functions, such as turning a wrist or moving a hand -- but not simultaneously. Today, he said, prosthetics can perform 29 discrete motions using neural signals from the brain.

"The latest technology allows an above-the-elbow amputee to pick up a grape and eat it," he said.

A major initiative for the Army, in the face of two wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, has been research into traumatic brain injury, known as TBI, and post-traumatic stress disorder. Campbell said the Army Medical Research and Material Command is now managing the largest TBI research investment in world, and has established a partnership with the National Football League, General Electric and Baltimore-based UnderArmor.

They've "launched a \$60 million research effort to accelerate brain injury detection and prevention," he said.

The Army has great technology today, Campbell said. But it will need the best technology for the future too, including micro-UAVs, "Ironman-like" exoskeletons for Soldiers "that enhance their ability not only to run farther, and carry more, but monitor their vital signs, rapidly close wounds, and stop bullets."

Seminar focuses on fostering healthy relationships

Story and Photo by **DEBORAH INCE**
APG News

The Community Health Promotion Council, or CHPC, hosted its first “Healthy Relationship Seminar” Feb. 12 at the Mallette Auditorium, Bldg. 6008, with guest speaker Donna L. Withrow, owner and operator of Support With Compassion Family Counseling LLC, which is based in Bel Air and Joppa.

About 20 people attended the event, turning the seminar into an intimate gathering where attendees had ample opportunities to facilitate discussions and ask questions about relationship issues.

“As a therapist, I work with individuals, families and couples seeking healthy relationships,” said Withrow, a licensed clinical social worker. “The seminar is an opportunity for the attendee to find new tools for the relationship toolbox.”

Withrow covered such issues as domestic violence, relationship building, parenting techniques and familial health in the hour-long seminar, pinpointing ways to improve on each topic.

Healthy relationships, she said, are built on mutual respect, honesty, kindness, forgiveness, having fun and communication with one’s partner. She said healthy communication can only occur when couples truly listen to one another.

Withrow said healthy relationship habits will have a positive impact on a family, emphasizing that children model their relationship skills after their parents’ behavior and interaction.

“A healthy relationship will have a positive impact on the family as a whole,” she said. “Most parents have a desire to raise children who are hap-



Anthony Sykes, from CECOM, and Devita Hampton, from ASAP, participate in a role-playing activity as part of the CHPC “Healthy Relationship Seminar” Feb. 12 at Mallette Auditorium.

py and well-adjusted and have peace. Therefore, parents need to model positive relationship skills.”

Regarding domestic violence, Withrow emphasized that in any abusive situation, it is important for both the offender and the abused to seek help. Those in abusive relationships should develop a safety plan if a situation ever becomes life-threatening, such as packing and storing an overnight bag and speaking with close family members or friends, she said.

Seminar attendees were given the

opportunity to participate in small role-playing skits in which they acted out particular relationship scenarios such as parental discussions and spousal disagreements.

Attendee Anthony Sykes, a technical writer-editor for Army Communications-Electronics Command (CECOM), said he thoroughly enjoyed the seminar.

“I’m doing my best to learn about relationships,” Sykes said. “I’m a widower of eight years and would like to be married again. I know that communication is key in any relationship. ... I would definitely keep coming [to future CHPC events].”

Another attendee, Devita Hampton of Army Substance Abuse Program (ASAP), said the seminar was a good tool for individuals to utilize in their own goals for personal growth.

“It was great,” she said. “I liked the variety, and there was some really good material.”

Hampton added that ASAP, which is part of U.S. Army Public Health Command, is looking to host events similar to the relationship seminar as the organization attempts to examine all sides

of physical and emotional health.

Although the seminar was the first event facilitated by Support With Compassion Family Counseling, Withrow said she has personally provided counseling for couples and provided relationship and parenting classes for Army Community Service (ACS) from 2002-2011.

“I hope people enjoyed it and learned from it and walked away with something,” Withrow said of the recent seminar. “This is an area I am very passionate about. If you are involved in a healthy relationship, then you are typically more apt to handle the stressors of life in a positive way, because life does happen to all of us.”

CHPC aims to improve the quality of life for Soldiers, their Families and civilians at APG by creating and maintaining programming that enhances personal, community and economic health.

For information about Support With Compassion Family Counseling, call 410-688-2138, visit the practice’s website at **supportwithcompassion.com**, or email Withrow at **dwithrow@supportwithcompassion.com**.

A healthy relationship will have a positive impact on the Family as a whole. Most parents have a desire to raise children who are happy and well-adjusted and have peace. Therefore, parents need to model positive relationship skills.

Donna L. Withrow

Owner and operator of Support With Compassion Family Counseling LLC

Army inspires STEM passion in students

Partnership supports science, technology, engineering and mathematics education

Army Marketing and Research Group

Maj. Gen. Todd T. Semonite has a passion for science, technology, engineering and mathematics, or STEM, that spans more than three decades. In his roles as deputy chief of engineers for the Department of the Army and deputy commanding general of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, he is looking for ways to help inspire that same passion in STEM in students across the country.

“I drive to work everyday excited to build things. I’ve been doing this for 35 years,” Semonite said. “This is how we get these kids to leverage the passion for robotics, technology or engineering, to continue to step up to any discipline.”

Semonite was among Army representatives helping support the U.S. Army All-American Bowl VEX Robotics Competition, where hundreds of students recently competed in San Antonio, Texas.

“Just to see something you think up in your head and actually building it in real life and seeing it compete and actually move, that’s pretty awesome,”

said Zachary Ahmed, a VEX Robotics student competitor from Galveston, Texas.

“This is a robotics competition where we have more than 50 teams from schools throughout Texas competing to perform their best and qualify for the South Texas Regional Championship,” said Jason Morrella, president of the Robotics Education and Competition Foundation.

The San Antonio competition is one of a series of VEX Robotics Competitions managed by the Robotics Education and Competition Foundation, that students around the world participate in internationally throughout the year. The season culminates in April with the much anticipated annual VEX

Robotics Competition World Championship, that attracts more than 800 teams from around the world, for three full days of competition.

“There are actually over 9,000 teams in this program, in 28 different countries. It’s the largest middle school and high school robotics program in the world,” Morrella said.

The Robotics Education and Competition Foundation is delighted with the program growth in Texas, due in part to the support of the U.S. Army, which provided 32 team grants to start new teams in the state this year. In addition, the U.S. Army is the presenting sponsor of the U.S. Army All-American Bowl VEX Robotics Competition.

“The U.S. Army is committed to making this event in San Antonio possible. They are focused on getting local students and schools started in the program through their team grants. The U.S. Army also provided judges and mentors to support

the San Antonio event. They’re really a great partner,” Morrella said. “They are committed to showing these students what they can do to become the leaders of tomorrow.”

Maj. Gen. Semonite says the robots are a vehicle to help get students excited about possible careers in STEM.

“The VEX Robotics competition is a great example of how exciting engineering can be, and the value of a hands on learning experience,” Semonite said. “It goes back to some of those fundamental values we have in the Army of mission accomplishment, teamwork, collaboration.”

Approximately 600 students competed in two different divisions at the San



U.S. Army photo
Maj. Gen. Todd T. Semonite discusses the VEX Robotics competition and the importance of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics with competitors at the event taking place during the U.S Army All-American Bowl week in San Antonio, Texas.

Antonio VEX Robotics Competition.

“I’m definitely impressed by the Army’s investment in us, because I really think they are trying to better America,” said Cedric Shy, a VEX Robotics student competitor from Houston.

At the San Antonio competition, the Tournament Champions, which included three teams, the Excellence award winning team, and the Design award recipient all qualified for the chance to compete in the South Texas Regional VEX Robotics Competition in League City, Tex., and the U.S. Open VEX Robotics Championship in Omaha.

Semonite met with some student competitors at the San Antonio event to discuss how they built their robots, and what interests them about STEM. Of the more than 150 career options in the Army, STEM-related job opportunities are among the fastest growing.

“We’re an Army based on technology. We have to be able to leverage the best and the brightest emerging technologies out there,” Semonite said. “We need bright minds that can think outside of the box and continue to leverage this capability. We’re just appreciative of the fact that someday they can go on to do great things for our Army or for America.”

AMC leader’s visit to lab offers him insight into emerging technologies

By **JENNA BRADY**
U.S. Army Research Laboratory Public Affairs

Gen. Dennis L. Via, the U.S. Army Materiel Command Commanding General, visited the Army Research Laboratory Feb. 7 to gain a deeper understanding of the research that is being conducted at the lab in support of Soldiers today, and those who will don the nation’s uniform well into the future.

The ARL, an element of the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, is the Army’s corporate laboratory, with more than 1,900 federal employees, mostly scientists and engineers. At its headquarters in Adelphi, Md., the laboratory’s in-house experts work with academia and industry providing the largest source of world-class integrated research and analysis in the Army.

Via received a tour and briefings of areas including ARL’s new Open Campus Concept, translational neuroscience, Piezo MEMS enabled mobility, and networks and cyber.

According to Via, the importance of the research being conducted at ARL is really about the readiness of our forces to meet future requirements, whatever they may be.

“The work that ARL does today allows our Army to be able to gain those leap-ahead technologies to allow us to continue to maintain a technological advantage, what we call the edge, that



Dr. Gabriel Smith (left) briefs Gen. Dennis L. Via, the Army Materiel Command commanding general, on Piezoelectric lead zirconate titanate radio frequency microelectromechanical systems, or PZT RF MEMS, during the Feb. 7, tour of the laboratory in Adelphi, Md.
Photo by Conrad Johnson

we’ve developed over the past decade,” Via said. “The work that’s been done here I think is tremendously important to the future of our Army, to the future development of systems that we’ll develop in the near and the far term.”

Via said he was impressed with each area of ARL research that he was briefed on, but stated that the talk about vertical lifts really caught his attention.

“That’s one that I think can change aviation, being able to advance our abilities to cover greater distances in moving material, Soldiers and equipment,”

Via said.

He also mentioned that he was impressed with the studies going on at ARL relative to the science of the human brain.

“When we think about the readiness and resiliency of our Soldiers, that’s the kind of information that I think will help us as we develop that program and go into the development of the equipment to help protect our Soldiers. For Soldiers who have suffered injuries from [improvised explosive devices], I think this type of research will be valuable in their

future treatment,” Via said.

At the conclusion of the visit, Via stated that it was an honor to spend time at ARL, and that he was very impressed with the people as well as the capabilities of the laboratory.

“The scientists and the engineers that are here as well as all of the other personnel who allow this organization to exist and accomplish this mission, I’d tell them to be very encouraged, because I think this is an area that will be the most important work we’ll do for our Army in the next decade,” Via said.

Army confirms rapid equipping force as ‘enduring’

By **KARA EWELL**
Army News Service

The Army has affirmed the continued existence of its Rapid Equipping Force, thus maintaining the service’s ability to quickly address Soldier non-standard equipment needs.

In the past, the process for meeting Soldier operational demands was often not as quick as commanders would like. The Army’s Rapid Equipping Force, or REF, was stood up in 2002, to fill that role -- to provide rapid solutions to problems Soldiers in Afghanistan encountered while conducting their mission. Such solutions can be developed in-house by REF engineers, and fielded quickly to Soldiers using commercial off-the-shelf or government-created technology.

In a Jan. 30 memo, signed by Under Secretary of the Army Dr. Joseph W. Westphal, the Army recognized the REF capability was something the service needs for the long-term.

“The Secretary of the Army and the Chief of Staff have determined that the capabilities afforded the Army by REF must be rendered enduring,” Westphal wrote in his memo.

Col. Steve Sliwa, director of the REF, said the memo underlines the importance

of the REF to the entire Army, and also dispels rumors about REF disbanding after the conclusion of Operation Enduring Freedom.

“With this decision, the Army ensures the institutionalization, not only of a rapid equipping capability, but the invaluable lessons learned after more than 11, comprehensive years of delivering tangible results,” Sliwa said.

The memo outlines the implementation plan for transferring REF, its military and civilian personnel, along with their functions and funding, to the Army’s Training and Doctrine Command, or TRADOC. That transition should happen no later than Sept. 30, 2015.

Additionally, the memo ensures that REF will maintain its mission, as established by the REF concept plans to equip, insert and assess urgently required technology solutions.

“The move to TRADOC offers new opportunities for us to expand synergies among a number of organizations within the TRADOC Family,” Sliwa said.

Additionally, the REF will now be better positioned to compete for future base Army funds and to support deployed units in regions other than those covered by overseas contingency operations funds.

“The most important objective for the



Sgt. Maj. James Hash shows a Rapid Equipping Force-procured Dragon Runner in a 2013 Washington auto show.
Photo by David Vergun

REF right now is to continue to support Soldiers deployed to Afghanistan,” Sliwa said. “However, we, at the REF, have always envisioned an organization that could provide global support and could expand and contract based on the level of requirements.”

Most significantly, the REF will maintain its current authority to validate Soldier requirements directly from commanders on the battlefield, as well as its authority to acquire solutions. The Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology provides a dedicated program manager to ensure REF’s compliance and synchronization within the larger Army acquisition community.

REF’s authorities to independently validate urgent requirements and buy equipment are key to their ability to provide

urgently needed gear to deployed Soldiers within 180 days or less.

“Regardless of where forces are deployed in the world, we must anticipate unpredictable and unique challenges that will need to be addressed with urgency,” said Sliwa. “This memo ensures the REF will continue bridging these gaps with non-standard equipment.”

The memo is a direct outcome of an Army Headquarters Transformation Focused Target Review, chaired by Lt. Gen. Thomas Spoehr, director of the Army’s Office of Business Transformation, and Thomas Hawley, deputy under secretary of the Army.

The effort was responsible for reviewing specific focus areas and proposing recommendations to best optimize Army headquarters elements and resources.

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Col. Steve Sliwa
Director of REF



Making a strong point

Petty Officer Danielle Wilson, from the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, draws blood from Doug Wilson, from CECOM, during an Armed Services Blood Program blood drive hosted by Team APG at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center Feb. 12. The ASBP is a military blood program in the United States that provides quality blood products and services to customers internationally, in peacetime and war. Individuals are given the option to donate whole blood or platelets. For more information, visit the Armed Services Blood Program website at www.militaryblood.dod.mil, and read the APG News for information on upcoming blood drives.

Photo by Rachel Ponder

Sexual assault prevention trainer makes it personal

By **SHAYNA BROUCKER**
IMCOM

“If you could keep one person safe, who would it be?” asks the petite woman of a roomful of military police men and women. “Bring that person to your mind’s eye and constantly reflect on that person throughout this training.”

“I can’t change the whole world, not on my own” said Jennifer Quain, a trained sexual assault victim advocate and prevention educator, during the rape culture and consent awareness class. “But if I can convince you to say, ‘I’m going to stop using the words slut or whore to stop rape culture,’ I’ll take it.”

Staff Sgt. Kasey Trapp, a platoon sergeant for the 529th Military Police Company, asked Quain to speak with his platoon for the company’s weekly Sexual Harassment/Assault Prevention and Response Program, known as SHARP, training after hearing about her background through word of mouth.

“When you have 21-plus years of learning one thing, it might take seeing something else every week to get it ingrained,” Trapp said. “But this week we wanted to try something new, something proactive instead of reactive.”

Quain was trained through the Missouri State Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence and Phelps County (Mo.) Family Crisis Services as a victim advocate for domestic and sexual violence, a hospital sexual assault advocate and a prevention educator. During her job at a women’s shelter, she spoke at more than 200 public venues in a given year about prevention of intimate partner and sexual violence.

This marks her first time speaking with Soldiers. She requested they wear civilian clothes, not uniforms to encourage an open discussion.

Besides, rape is not an Army issue, she said, it’s a human issue.

The goal is culture change, and it starts with individuals. Quain invites her class to take an honest look at the nitty-gritty, ugly roots of rape culture



Sexual harassment and sexual assault violate everything the U.S. Army stands for including our Army Values and Warrior Ethos. The Army is aggressively addressing sexual assaults by first focusing on prevention through education and training. Army leaders encourage reporting and work hard to reduce the stigma associated with sexual violence. Once reported, the Army focuses on care for victims and thorough investigations and prosecutions to hold offenders accountable. The Army continually assesses the effectiveness of its sexual harassment/assault response and prevention efforts to ensure the Army is meeting the needs of the Soldiers, Department of the Army Civilians, family members and the nation.

-- for example, misogynistic song lyrics -- and how individuals relate to them. Rape culture is defined as an environment in which sexual violence is considered the norm.

“Whenever I leave my house to walk my dog, I think about what kind of shoes I’m wearing and can I run fast enough in them. I think about the first number in my phone to call in case I’m attacked,” she said. “Society teaches us, ‘Don’t get raped,’ rather than, ‘Don’t rape.’”

The first segment of her training focuses on rape culture and how the media and social norms perpetuate violent language, thoughts and

actions. The afternoon covers consent and what constitutes a “yes,” along with how to actually talk about consent with a partner.

“Were you taught about consent in your sex ed class?” she asks. “Why is it so awkward to talk about consent? We have no examples of it in movies, music, etc.,” going on to show a clip from “The Little Mermaid” illustrating an example of lack of consent.

“There is one way to ask her /It don’t take a word /Not a single word,” croons Sebastian in Prince Eric’s ear. “Go on and kiss de girl.”

A questionnaire revealed almost all

of the attendees said they found the training useful and recommended it for their service members.

Spc. Timothy Dawson said it inspired him to use “stronger force” to discourage his peers from objectifying women or using degrading language.

“I took a step back and saw how much we subconsciously take everything in,” he remarked. “Media is brainwashing us. I see that a lot with my battle buddies.”

Quain will teach another class in April during Sexual Assault Awareness Month, per the request of another platoon.



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**THURSDAY
FEBRUARY 20
AWOA CHAPTER MEETING**

The U.S. Army Warrant Officer Association's Aberdeen-Edgewood Silver Chapter will hold its monthly meeting at the Recreation Center, Bldg. 3326, room 102. Lunch will be provided at 11:30 a.m., and the meeting will be from noon to 12:45 p.m. For information, contact CW4(R) Owen McNiff at omcniff@yahoo.com or 571-243-6561/443-861-1936.

**SATURDAY - TUESDAY
FEBRUARY 22-25
PRE-LENTEN RETREAT**

Confessions, music, eucharistic adoration, spiritual conferences, prayers, Mass and a Healing Service will be offered with the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal at a Pre-Lenten Retreat at the APG Main Post Chapel and Edgewood Chapel. Potluck dinner on Sunday night at 6. Childcare will be provided during adult activities. For information, call 410-278-4333.

**WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 26
TEAM APG CELEBRATES
BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

Join the Team APG celebration of Black History Month at 10:30 a.m. in the Myer Auditorium, Bldg. 6000. The theme for the event is "Civil Rights in America." For more information contact: SFC Yvette James, EOA, RDECOM, 410-306-2425, Tracy Marshall, EOA, CECOM, 443-861-436 or Linda Patrick, EEO PHC, 410-436-1023

**THURSDAY
FEBRUARY 27
RESTORATION ADVISORY
BOARD**

The next RAB meeting will be held on Feb. 27 at 7 p.m. at the Ramada Conference Center in Edgewood. The topic of discussion will be an update on The Long Term Monitoring Projects.

**FRIDAY
FEBRUARY 28
MWP TEXAS HOLD 'EM
TOURNEY**

APG MWR will hold a Texas Hold 'em Tournament at Ruggles Golf Course. Registration is required by Feb. 21. Seating is limited and doors open at 5 p.m. First card is deal at 6 p.m. Must be 18 years or older to play. The tournament costs \$20 in advance and \$25 on the day of the event, and it includes food and two beverage tickets. To purchase tickets, visit <https://webtrac.mwr.army.mil/webtrac/apgretrac.html> or go to AA/EA Rec Centers, Leisure Travel Services, and at Ruggles Golf Course. For information, call 410-278-4011/4907 or email Leisure Travel Office at usarmy.APG.imcom.list.apgr-usag-mwr-leisuretravel@mail.mil. The event is open to DoD I.D. card holders and their guests.

**SATURDAY
MARCH 1
TALENT HUNT**

The Iota Nu chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity present their annual

talent hunt from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Ball Conference Center, Bldg. 3074, APG North (Aberdeen). The competition is open to high school students, grades 9 through 12. Students will be able to compete in the areas of Dance, Dramatic Interpretation, Instrumental Solo, Vocal Solo and Visual Art. Cash prizes will be awarded and the first place winner will advance to the district competition. Admission to the event is free.

To enter the talent hunt, or for more information, contact Anthony Dorsey at 443-528-5122, Anthony.dorsey@gmail.com or Mark Thomas at 443-752-4205, crunch-22@comcast.net.

**WEDNESDAY
MARCH 12
FWP WOMEN'S CONFERENCE**

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Federal Women's Program will be hosting its 24th annual Training Workshop during Women's History Month March 12 (inclement weather date March 19). This year's theme is "Celebrating Women of Character, Courage and Commitment." The workshop (date) will be held at building 6008, Myer Auditorium Conference Center, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Some of the topics to be covered will be "Time Management and Organization Skills," "Effective Presentation Techniques," and "Understanding Sharepoint: Making It Work for You." There will also be several educational vendors and food vendors. For information, contact Teresa Rudd, FWP Chairperson, 410-436-5501, and Elizabeth Young, FWP Vice Chairperson, 410-278-1392.

**SUICIDE PREVENTION
TRAINING WORKSHOP**

A Department of the Army Mobile Training Team (MTT) will be conducting a regional "Ask, Care, Escort -- Suicide Intervention" (ACE-SI) "train-the-trainer" one-day workshop at APG. The event is being hosted by the APG ASAP Suicide Prevention Program. ACE-SI is a four-hour program that provides more in-depth training than the basic ACE training, and is a one-time requirement for junior leaders and first-line supervisors. The training is open to Soldiers and DA Civilians who have the skills and commitment to train others. The training will run from 0800-1500 at the Installation Training Center, Bldg 3147 Aberdeen Blvd. Upon completion of the training, participants will be qualified as ACE-SI trainers and are to provide ACE-SI training to the other junior leaders and first line supervisors in their companies/organizations. Soldiers and DA Civilians who are interested in participating in the training can sign up by contacting Ken Gesch, Suicide Prevention Program Manager, at 410-278-7779 or kenneth.a.gesch.civ@mail.mil. Participation is limited to the first 50 participants to sign up.

**WEDNESDAY
MARCH 19
APG NATIONAL PRAYER
LUNCHEON**

Chaplain (Maj. Gen.) Donald L. Rutherford, U.S. Army Chief of Chaplains, will deliver the keynote address at the C4ISR Prayer Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. at Top of the Bay, 30 Plumb

Point Loop. Amy Kwon, soprano for the Washington, D.C. National Choir will sing the National Anthem. Special music will be performed by the APG Praise Band. For information, call Joyce Wood at 278-4333.

**WEDNESDAY
MARCH 26
JOB FAIR & EXPO**

All job seekers, active duty, retired, former service, Reserve/National Guard service members and spouses are invited to attend this job fair 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the APG Recreation Center. For more information call Army Community Service Employment Readiness Program manager at 410-278-9669/7572.

**MONDAY
MARCH 31
POWERFUL WOMEN SMALL
BUSINESS CONFERENCE**

Join ACS and other partners at this conference at Top of the Bay's Chesapeake Room from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Topics to be discussed include five drivers formula to starting a small business, contracting with the federal government, exporting your business, and networking with other agencies. Event is open to all Veterans, retirees, active duty, Reserve/National Guard, civilians and spouses. For more information, contact Employment Readiness Program at 410-278-9669/7572.

**ONGOING
THROUGH FEBRUARY 28
SCHOLARSHIPS FOR MILITARY
CHILDREN PROGRAM**

Applications for the 2014 Scholarships for Military Children Program became available Dec. 3 at commissaries worldwide or on the Internet at <http://www.militaryscholar.org>. Applications must be turned in to a commissary by close of business Feb. 28, 2014. Packages must be hand-delivered or shipped via U.S. Postal Service or other delivery methods; not emailed or faxed. This year's award amount has risen to \$2,000, and the program awards at least one scholarship at each commissary with qualified applicants. An applicant must be a Family member, unmarried child, younger than 21 - or 23, if enrolled as a full-time student at a college or university - of a service member on active duty, Reserve or National Guard, retiree or survivor of a service member who died while on active duty, or survivor of a retiree. Applicants should ensure that they and their sponsor are enrolled in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) database and have a military ID card. The applicant must attend or plan to attend an accredited college or university, full time, in the fall of 2014 or be enrolled in studies designed to transfer to a four-year program. Fisher House Foundation, a non-profit organization that helps service members and their families, administers the program. Scholarship Managers, a national, nonprofit, scholarship management services organization, manages and awards the scholarships. Commissary partners and the general public donate money to the program; every dollar donated goes directly to funding the scholarships. Since inception of the program in 2001, more than \$11.3 million in scholarships have been awarded to 7,412 military Family members from more than 71,000 applicants. For more information, students or sponsors should call Scholarship Managers at 856-616-9311 or email them at militaryscholar@scholarshipmanagers.com.

**TUESDAYS
FEBRUARY 25
THROUGH MAY 20
AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE
CLASS**

American Sign Language basic and advanced classes begin Feb. 25 and run through May 20, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in Bldg. E3330-31, Room 270, APG South (Edgewood). Bring your lunch. Class is free. Text book (encouraged, but not required) is "A B C, A Basic Course in American Sign Language". To register or for more information, call Beth Ann Cameron, 436-7175, Pat Reeves at 436-2917 or Randy Weber at 436-8546.

CORVIAS 2014 GRANT AND SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE
The Corvias Foundation has announced that applications for the 2014 Our Future Scholarships and the 2014 Our Family Educational Grants are now available.

Applications for Our Future Scholarships must be submitted by Feb.13, 2014, and will be awarded to high school seniors with plans of attending a four-year university or college in the amount of up to \$50,000 each. Applications for the 2014 Our Family Educational Grants must be submitted by May 8, 2014. Grants are given in the amount of up to \$5,000 to spouses of active-duty service members at the installations listed above. Applicants may be in any stage of the educational process. Recipients will be notified by July 10. Families do not have to reside in on-post housing to qualify. Eligible service members stationed at these installations can serve in any branch of the military. To apply, go to <http://corviasfoundation.org>. For more information, call 401-228-2836 or email info@corviasfoundation.org

**CPR, AED CLASSES
SCHEDULED**

The APG Fire and Emergency Services Division of the Directorate of Emergency Services has released its schedule for CPR and automated external defibrillator (AED) classes for 2014. Two classes will be held the third Wednesday of each month at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. in the same location. March 19, APG North (Aberdeen) chapel April 16, Edgewood Conference Center May 21, APG North (Aberdeen) chapel June 18, Edgewood Conference Center July 16, APG North (Aberdeen) chapel Aug. 20, Edgewood Conference Center Sept. 17, APG North (Aberdeen) chapel Oct. 15, Edgewood Conference Center Nov. 19, APG North (Aberdeen) chapel Dec. 17, Edgewood Conference Center Class size is limited to 30 participants. For more information or to register, contact Mike Slayman, assistant chief of EMS, at 410-306-0566 or e-mail michael.p.slayman.civ@mail.mil.

INSIDE APG
APG commanders and subject matter experts will discuss topics of interest to the local community every Saturday and Wednesday at 7:50 a.m. during "Inside APG: Creating One Community Without a Gate," a monthly radio series on 970 WAMD. For more information about the series, to schedule or request an interview, call the Garrison Public Affairs Office at 410-278-1150. For previous interviews, follow these links:<http://youtu.be/a8vuMdxmG50>; <http://youtu.be/se7hTkwnbO8>
**ARMY WELLNESS CENTER
OFFERING SERVICES AT APG
SOUTH CLINIC**

The Army Wellness Center (AWC) is now seeing clients at the APG South (Edgewood) Clinic, Bldg. E4110 twice a month. Clients will now have the opportunity to have their metabolism and body composition assessment done without having to drive to APG North (Aberdeen). Service members and their Family members, retirees and Army civilian employees can make an appointment at the AWC or can be referred by their unit or primary health care provider at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic. Clients can reach their goals by making a positive, long-lasting change in their health and well-being. For more information or to schedule your appointment with the AWC please call 410-306-1024.

**CYSS PARTNERS WITH
HOMESCHOOLERS**
APG Child, Youth and School Services is trying to establish a partnership with authorized users who homeschool their children in the Aberdeen and Edgewood areas. CYSS is willing to open its facilities during the week so homeschooled children can have access to classrooms, the computer lab and gym on a scheduled basis. For more information, call 410- 278-7571/7479.

**PUBLIC HEALTH COMMAND
SURVEY**

Your input on the health status of the APG Community to include health concerns, adequacy of services offered, and access & utilization of services are all important to help shape the plans for 2014. What matters most to you? What are your health goals and how can our community help you achieve these goals? Please take 10-15 minutes out of your time to provide useful feedback. All feedback is welcome and appreciated. <https://usaphcapps.amedd.army.mil/Survey/se.ashx?s=251137456E6E1E53>



Carl Ketcherside
Administration Specialist

Carl Ketcherside, an administrative specialist from Serco Inc., oversees S-1 functions for Soldiers assigned to APG Headquarters and Headquarters Company Garrison. He is responsible for personnel functions for Soldiers assigned to HHC Garrison. He also serves as an administrative liaison between HHC Garrison and the Soldiers assigned to the 40 units supported by HHC Garrison. Part of Ketcherside's job is to ensure that Soldiers are deployable. This involves providing Soldiers with up-to-date trainings, immunizations, physicals and dental work so they are ready to go if given orders to deploy. In addition, he processes financial paperwork, including pay inquires and pay allotments. Ketcherside has served at the HHC Garrison for the past two years. Previ-

ously, he served in the Army and was stationed at APG from 1993 to 1998. In 1999, he was hired by SERCO Inc. and supported the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and School in various capacities until that organization moved to Fort Lee, Va. "I like the interaction with the Soldiers," he said. "I admire the military itself, as an organization. Once I joined the Army, it gave me a purpose. I felt like I could work for the Army the rest of my life. My parents taught me that joining the military was the patriotic thing to do. I respect those that choose to serve their country." Ketcherside's office is in Bldg. 305, on the East Wing. He can be reached at 410-278-3000 or carl.w.ketcherside.ctr@mail.mil. His office hours are Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

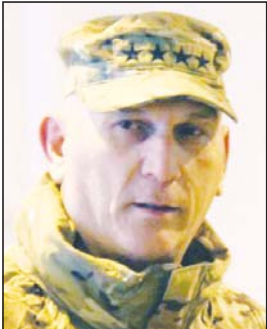


**MORE
ONLINE**
More events can be seen at www.apgnews.apg.army.mil/calendar.

Odierno, Ravens coach visit troops in Afghanistan

Story and photo by **SGT. ANTONY LEE**

Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Raymond T. Odierno visited southern Afghanistan Feb. 6-7 and met with deployed service members and received Regional Command (South) mission updates.



Odierno

During his stay at Kandahar Airfield, Odierno visited Soldiers of 1st Infantry Division's 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, with Maj. Gen. Paul. J. LaCamera, RC(S) and 4th Infantry Division commanding general. In addition, Baltimore Ravens head coach John Harbaugh traveled to Kandahar Airfield, as well as to Turkey, with Odierno.

Harbaugh, who has known Odierno for several years, is well known for his strong support of the military. In 2009, he participated in the NFL-USO Coaches Tour and visited soldiers in Baghdad. He has also supported members of the military stateside by routinely inviting wounded Warriors to Ravens' practices and by creating a Military Appreciation Day during an annual training camp practice.

In 2012, Odierno, who has also been a guest at Ravens' practices, presented Harbaugh with one of five Outstanding Civilian Service Awards from the Army.

During the visit to southern Afghanistan, Odierno re-enlisted two sergeants, Jennell Waelty and Justin Schreiner. The cold wind did not stop the two from repeating the Oath of Enlistment/Re-enlistment outside on the flight line in front of an AH-64 attack helicopter, as Odierno administered the oath.

"I want to thank you for allowing me to re-enlist you," Odierno said afterward. "It's one of the things I like best about my job. I get the chance to re-enlist great Soldiers."

Waelty and Schreiner both agreed it was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

"It's an honor to have [Odierno] re-enlist us," said Waelty, an AH-64 attack helicopter repairer. "I love my job. There's nothing like it. There's nothing more rewarding than working on an air-

craft and seeing it fly."

Schreiner, who is also an AH-64 attack helicopter repairer, said he re-enlisted in the U.S. Army "to continue to defend [my] country."

Odierno addressed the service members in attendance after he re-enlisted both Soldiers, and said that the Army "couldn't do it without people like you who are willing to make that sacrifice," and that he looked forward to both becoming sergeants major one day.

"The fact that they want to stay on and remain a member of what I call the 'Army family' is really important, especially during times of war and conflict," he said.

Odierno also observed training on the flight line and talked to 1st Combat Aviation Brigade Soldiers about the Army's plans for the AH-64 Apache helicopter and OH-58 Kiowa helicopter.

Command Sgt. Maj. David M. Clark, the Regional Command (South) and 4th Infantry Division senior enlisted adviser, escorted Harbaugh to Forward Operating Base Masum Ghar, where Harbaugh met with troops and signed autographs.

While in Afghanistan, Harbaugh, 51, a native of Toledo, Oh., met up with dozens of Soldiers with the Maryland National Guard's 1229th Transportation Company, as well as other service members, at Kandahar Airfield's Morale, Welfare and Recreation Game Room, where he also took photographs and talked football with Ravens fans.

"The biggest message that I would like to leave on behalf of the National Football League players and coaches, for all the deployed service men and women out there, is thank you," he said during an interview at Kandahar Airfield. "Thank you for what you do. Thank you for the sacrifices you've made. Thank you for the tough jobs you've done. Thank you for doing all the things necessary to allow us to all live our lives the way we want to, in freedom. It means everything to us, and we appreciate it greatly."

Sgt. Courie Roberts, a mechanic with 3rd Squadron, 2nd Cavalry Regiment, said it was a great morale booster to meet Harbaugh at Forward Operating Base Masum Ghar, especially because he is from Baltimore.

"I got to take a picture with him, shake his hand, hold the [Super Bowl] ring," he said. "Not too many people can say they did that, so it was a great honor."



Baltimore Ravens head coach John Harbaugh (right) signs a photo for 1st Lt. Andrew Jackson, an aide-de-camp in Regional Command (South), at Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan, Feb. 6. Harbaugh was in southern Afghanistan with Gen. Ray Odierno, chief of staff of the Army, to visit deployed service members and thank them for their service.

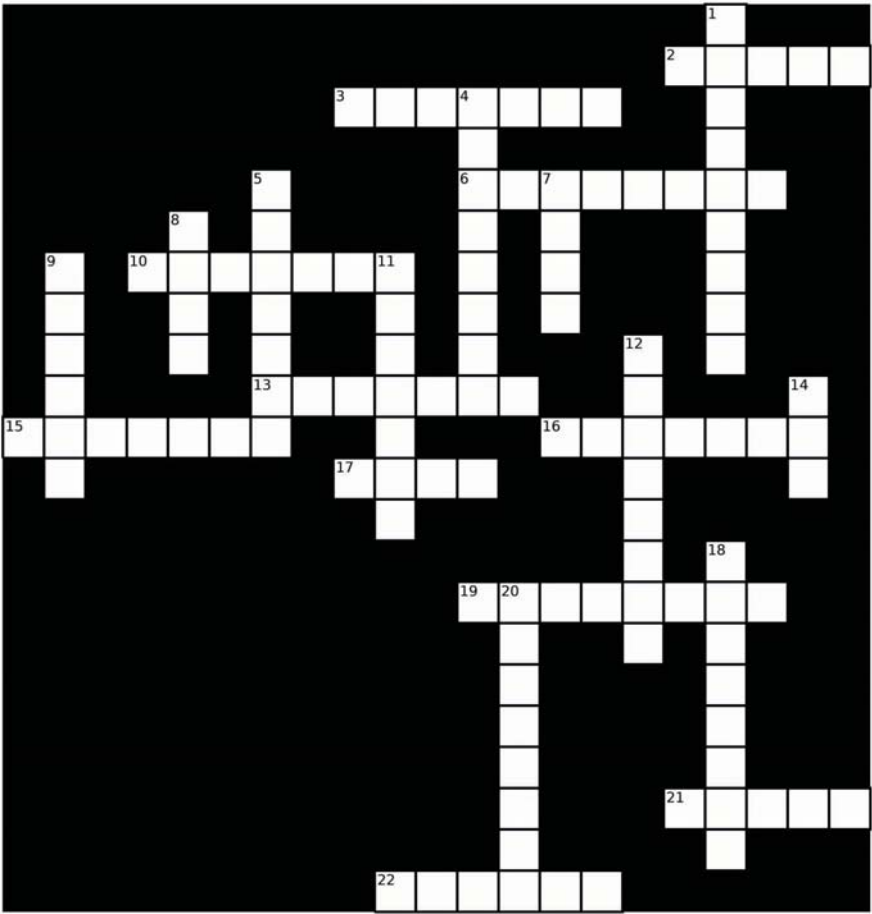
ACRONYM OF THE WEEK

PSID

U.S. Tank-automotive and Armaments Command Life Cycle Management Command, Clothing and Heraldry Product Support Integration Directorate

Provides clothing and individual equipment logistical services to the Warfighter and sustains clothing and heraldry products for Soldiers, units and veterans. The Office of the Director is based at APG South (Edgewood). For information, call 410-436-0956/4283 or visit <https://spportal.tacom.army.mil/sites/ILSC/Collaboration/CHPSID/default.aspx?source=/sites/ILSC/Collaboration/CHPSID/default.aspx>

The APG Crossword



Answers to this puzzle may be found in this edition of the APG News, or may be common knowledge. The completed puzzle will be published in next week's paper.

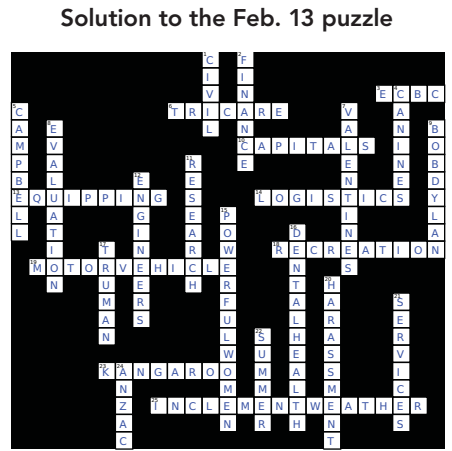
Test your knowledge of APG History

Across

- APG succeeded _____ Hook Proving Ground for munitions testing
- Housing village complex at APG completed in 2012
- APG is Harford County's largest _____
- Army commander who determined the site for APG
- APG South was once known as the Edgewood _____
- APG's air field is named in memory of 1st Lt. _____ K. Phillips
- Ordnance Specialist School was transferred from _____ Arsenal, N.J.
- Eastern Shore island first considered for what became APG
- New Jersey fort where many current APG workers formerly worked
- Eccentric rock star who spent his childhood years at APG South
- Was U.S. president when APG was created

Down

- APG is a natural preserve for this national symbol
- Name of scenic island that is adjoined to APG
- APG developed world's first _____ computer during WWII
- Bldg. 310 was once APG's _____ Headquarters
- The last U.S. president to visit APG
- _____ Island Lighthouse is now a symbol of APG
- Type of corn produced on land that became APG
- Supervises the logistical and mobilization needs of APG
- APG was created toward the end of World War _____
- Mrs. Edward V. _____ fired the first gun at APG on Jan. 2, 1918
- _____ Club was renamed Top of the Bay in 1994



Accessing Higher Education Track

The Higher Education Track classes are two-day training events, eight hours per day.

The purpose is to help active duty and reserve Soldiers determine career, personal and academic goals; help Soldiers contribute to the selection of a higher education institution; present information about funding factors for selection of higher education institutions; and provide facts about admissions. This class is only for Soldiers that are transitioning from the military and currently going through the Army Career and Alumni Program (ACAP) process.

The 2014 training dates are Feb. 19-20, April 16 – 17 and Sept. 17 – 18.

Contact the ACAP/Transition office (410) 306-2303 or Army Education Center (410) 306-2042 for assistance with class registration

3rd annual TCIL Industry Day held at APG

Army seeks partners to develop tactical computing capabilities

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The Army hosted its third annual Tactical Capabilities Innovation Laboratory Industry Day at APG Jan. 30 to inform potential partners about technologies being used, developed or sought in support of TCIL and Army-computing development efforts.

More than 330 potential government, industry and academia partners attended the Research, Development and Engineering Command's Communications-Electronics Center, or RDECOM CERDEC, TCIL Industry Day.

Formerly known as the Tactical Cloud Integration Laboratory, the TCIL promotes fair and open competition for academia and industry partners regardless of size or government collaboration experience, according to Henry Muller, director of CERDEC's Intelligence and Information Warfare Directorate, or I2WD, which manages TCIL.

"This is really the essence of what we do as an RDEC [Research, Development and Engineering Center] – reach out to industry, understand what it is you are working on, promote innovation and new ideas from industry and tell you where we are going as an Army," said Muller.

Additionally, the Army informed TCIL attendees about future investment plans and technology capability roadmaps.

"We want to share as much as we can of our investment roadmaps, so you can see [our focus], and we can make sure we are making investments in the right places, and not investing where we don't need to because industry is already making those investments," said Muller.

In addition to CERDEC I2WD, representatives from Program Manager Distributed Common Ground Sensor-Army, the Army Training and Doctrine

Command, and Army G-2/Intelligence and Security Command presented to attendees and made themselves available for discussion.

Much of TCIL's work feeds directly into DCGS-A, and looking to industry to assist its development process.

"The Distributed Common Ground System – Army is designed and built using commercial off-the-shelf hardware and software. We rely on industry partners – both small and large from across the country – to deliver innovative solutions to support our soldiers. This latest Industry Day was a great success and highlighted the ongoing series of successful partnerships with industry that has made DCGS-A so successful," said Col. Charlie Wells, PM DCGS-A.

The event also gave potential partners the opportunity to learn about the Army's efforts to bridge developers, vendors and solutions with operational users in a government-managed, isolated test environment, said Robert Czajkowski, CERDEC's project lead for the TCIL.

Members of the TCIL Analyst Working Group explained various capabilities sought for inclusion in the TCIL and Army systems and explained the overall TCIL process.

"The Analyst Working Group is one of three sub-teams within the TCIL that is comprised of several military intelligence analysts who have spent a majority of their professional careers in the field. They fully understand what the soldier needs. The group is fully adept with the end users' – soldiers' – use cases, concept of operations, and workflows," said Czajkowski. "Our TCIL AWG works closely with the TCM [TRADOC Capability Manager] to vet new, potential requirements as well as understand existing requirements."

The TCIL Analyst Working Group announced they are seeking a variety of capabilities. These capabilities should address tools to assist with weather effects and assess the impact of weather on terrain, systems, tactics and operations; product creation capabilities that represent the operational picture easily; overlays and data fusion/exploration; gap analysis that provides alerts for missing data; rapid and secure collaboration tools; computer networking operations and cyber security; and running battle-damage estimates.

Potential vendors looking to participate in the TCIL development environment have until March 15 to submit a



Robert Czajkowski, CERDEC's project lead for the TCIL, presented an overview of TCIL, how capabilities make it to TCIL, and which capabilities are being sought to attendees at the 2014 TCIL Industry Day. The day gave potential partners a look at how the Army is bridging gaps to fulfill soldiers' requirements.

whitepaper with supporting documentation to CERDEC I2WD for review in order to demonstrate how the proposed capability can fill one or more of the desired capabilities. The TCIL Team will review whitepapers and provide a response to the vendor by May 2 as to future steps for accepted applicants or an explanation for non-accepted applicants.

Applying organizations can vary in size and do not have to have prior experience working with the government. A team of both government employees and TCIL contractors will assess the white papers.

"Government employees make the final decisions about any vendor coming into the TCIL - not the contractors. The contractors help evaluate the paper and provide subject matter expertise, but they are not involved in the final decisions," said Czajkowski.

Accepted organizations can then bring capabilities for development, testing and more to the TCIL, which provides an environment with an open-standard architecture, according to Czajkowski.

The TCIL team emphasized that applying companies do not have to be large, government-contract savvy organizations.

"One of the biggest things we stress for Industry Day is that we promote fair and open competition. We are looking for the capabilities," said Jeremy Crenshaw, TCIL Analysts Working Group member with Data Tactics Corporation.

"We bring people in under a myriad of different contract vessels. It could be through a sub-contractor to the prime contractor, through a BAA [Broad Area Agreement], through a CRADA [Cooperative Research and Development Agreement] – there's a myriad of different ways we get the

capabilities in to meet the soldiers' needs," said Crenshaw.

TCIL has evaluated more than 75 technologies in the last three years and more than 200 organization representatives attended previous TCIL Industry Days, said Czajkowski.

From those 200 organizations, the TCIL working group met with 18 companies for a couple hours each before selecting four new companies to participate with the lab and developed one Cooperative Research and Development Agreements, or CRADA, as a result from the 2012 Industry Day, according to Czajkowski.

The TCIL process for expediting capabilities to the soldier continues to receive adjustments from the TCIL working group.

During the past year, the TCIL expanded its needs from strictly seeking cloud-capabilities to seeking a wider range of computing capabilities. Since part of TCIL's mission is to support the DCGS-A, which is why there was a change to focus on all computing capabilities rather than just cloud computing as cloud computing makes up on only a small portion of DCGS-A, said Michael Hinman, Booz-Allen-Hamilton technical lead.

This process streamlines earlier efforts to integrate capabilities through TCIL. "We have our industry process, we have a work flow on how we do Industry Day to promote fair and open competition. That process, because of CERDEC I2WD and the PM DCGS-A, has shown how we can level the playing field and bring in capabilities quickly and easily while still staying within the requirements for contracts," said Hinman.

Army researchers focus on partnerships to advance science and technology

RDECOM Public Affairs

Army researchers, scientists and engineers are collaborating and sharing to leverage limited resources and discover leap-ahead technologies.

"I think collaboration is really essential," said Heidi Shyu, assistant secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology. "No single person or organization possesses a monopoly on innovative ideas. It is critical for us to collaborate with industry, academia, federally-funded R&D centers and other government organizations to solve difficult problems. So my vision is that we will collaborate across the board to spur innovation."

Shyu gave the featured interview in the March issue of Army Technology Magazine, a publication of science and technology news from the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command. Partnership is the focus of the new issue.

RDECOM has six research and engineering centers, three international forward element commands and the U.S. Army Research Laboratory on the hunt for new technology solutions for Soldiers. Army research is an intricate web of partnerships among industry, academia, international governments and

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RDECOM Director

companies, U.S. government agencies and military offices and commands.

"We are exploring new ideas to get more people with ideas together to come up with more innovative solutions," said RDECOM Director Dale A. Ormond. "RDECOM depends on partnerships to develop world-class technology and engineering solutions. Our mission is only achievable if we continue to reach out and build partnerships across all of our core competencies."

Ormond said Army Chief of Staff Gen. Raymond T. Odierno, has called for a "globally responsive and regionally engaged Army that is ready and

modern."

As the Army plans for smaller brigade combat teams by 2025, the mandate is to maintain or even increase lethality.

"The chief is relying on the S&T community to provide technologies that can be developed and fielded to meet that timeline," Ormond said. "We are an integral team member."

In Detroit, major industry players entered into an agreement with Army automotive engineers. Sen. Carl Levin and Rep. Sander Levin, both of Michigan, joined Tank Automotive Research, Development and Engineering Center Technical Director Dr. Paul Rogers and

Charlie Freese, General Motors global fuel cell activities executive director, to herald a formal research agreement at the Ground Systems Power and Energy Laboratory.

"This agreement with GM offers the U.S. Army a unique opportunity to collaborate with a phenomenal partner -- a partner that is a world innovator in automotive technologies," Rogers said. "The laboratory is our meeting place where we can bring the best and brightest ideas from government and industry to solve the hardest problems the military faces."

Engineers at Aviation and Missile Research, Development and Engineering Center collaborate with NASA scientists on logistics, engineering, safety, quality and assurance.

By working with NASA, the Army has increased its capability to produce larger amounts of solid rocket propellant and also helped to train the next generation of chemists and chemical engineers.

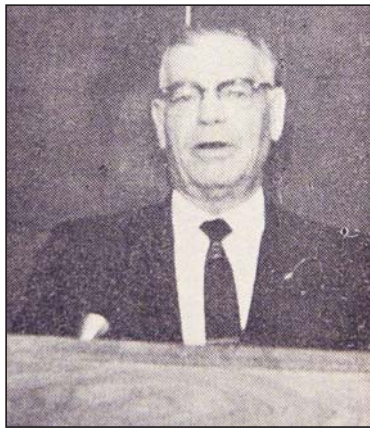
"We face many of the same issues, and when we share best practices with each other, both organizations benefit," Ormond said. "To be a ready and modern Army, the Army research and development community will step up, innovate and deliver ground-breaking solutions."

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This Week in APG News history

By **ALAN FEILER**



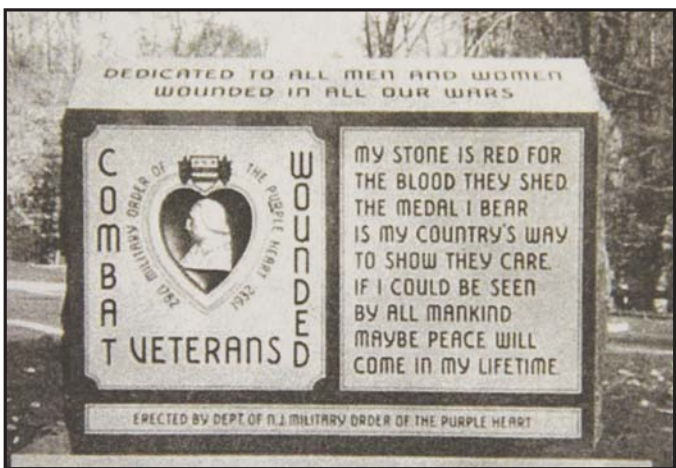
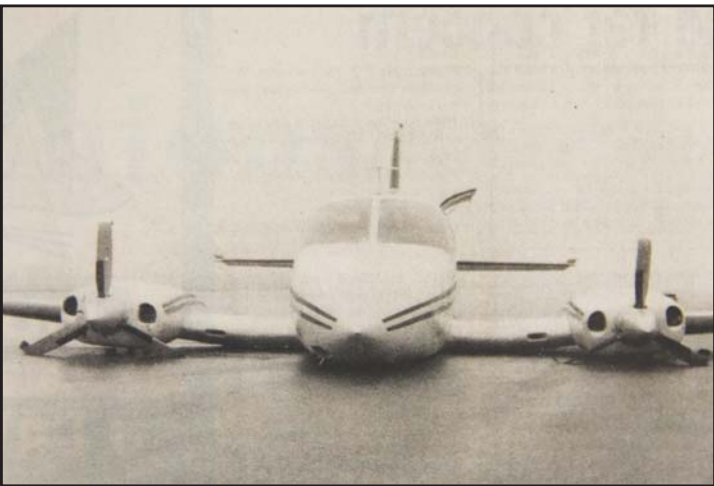
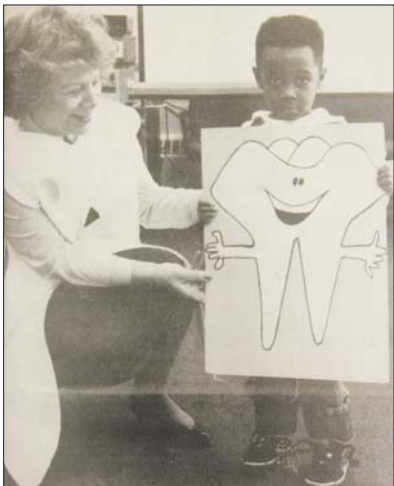
50 Years Ago (Feb. 20, 1964)

Clockwise from top left:
Alaska's Sen. Edward L. "Bob" Bartlett recently came to APG to talk about the future of the "Land of the Midnight Sun." The Seattle-born Bartlett, a Democrat who became Alaska's first senator when the 49th state joined the union on Jan. 3, 1959, spoke at the U.S. Army Ballistic Research Laboratories. "We cannot help but grow for two reasons," he said of Alaska. "We have the resources, and 32 of the 33 strategic minerals needed by the U.S. are found in Alaska. There is also no limit to the population we can hold. We can also become useful to the Army, providing manpower and a new training ground." ... U.S. Army Limited War Laboratory Development Engineering Division Chief John C. Ackerman has departed APG to spend three months of temporary duty in South Viet Nam. He will serve as LWL liaison officer to the director of the Advance Research Project Agency's Research and Development Test Center. Ackerman replaces Robert L. Woodbury, chief of the laboratory's Environment and Survival Branch. ... The U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command at APG is conducting engineer-design tests on the ideographic composing machine at the Quartermaster Research and Engineering Field Evaluation Agency in Fort Lee, Va. This machine may be recommended for use by psychological warfare personnel and other Department of Defense agencies. The equipment has been developed for use in the photocomposition of the Chinese language.



25 Years Ago (Feb. 22, 1989)

Clockwise from top left:
Four-year-old Bradley Phillips was among the youngsters who recently attended a dentistry class at the Aberdeen Area Child Development Center taught by Col. Loretta Stephens. The class was part of Children's Dental Health Month. Stephens, an Army reservist and environmental science officer, offered the kids proper brushing and flossing tips, as well as advice about eating nutritional meals, all as a means for guaranteeing good dental health care. The film "Toothbrushing With Charlie Brown," was also presented to the class. ... A new youth center is being constructed at the intersection of Maryland and Harford boulevards. Upon completion, the \$2.3 million structure will include a gymnasium with locker rooms for boys and girls, an arts room, a game room, music and dance rehearsal facilities, a snack bar, a meeting area, a central lounge and a reception area. Interior work is currently being done on the facility. ... A Mid-Eastern Airways Cessna 401 made an emergency landing at APG last week. Nick Arthur, the pilot, was headed toward New York from Chesapeake, Va., when the Cessna's electrical system died. With help from his co-pilot, Thomas Damon, Arthur decided to turn the plane around, descend and find a suitable place to land, spotting APG's Phillips Army Airfield. Although the pilots attempted to lower the landing gear manually, the 401 required landing on its belly. Both pilots were uninjured. The FAA is investigating the matter.



10 Years Ago (Feb. 19, 2004)

Clockwise from left:
Despite a shaky first half, the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 16th Ordnance Battalion, pulled ahead in the final minutes and won the American Division Intramural Basketball tournament, 62-41, against the 203rd Military Intelligence Battalion. The game was held at the Aberdeen Athletic Center. "We're taking over," said Coach Lator Scott of HHC 16th, alluding to the team's upcoming rematch against the Noncommissioned Officer Academy. ...About two dozen volunteers of the APG Military and Civilian Spouses Club met recently for the third time at the Aberdeen Area Chapel for a program to measure, cut, sew and iron 40 Gold Star Flags in one day. The "A Military Wife" project supplies Gold Star Flags to the Families of fallen service members in the War on Terrorism in Iraq and Afghanistan. "We receive requests through all branches -- Army, Air Force, Navy and Marines," said Elaine Valentin, founder of "A Military Wife." "We will complete as many as possible today." Among the participants is Sonia Moss, the wife of an Army Warrant Officer stationed in Iraq. ... It was recently announced that a Purple Heart monument, dedicated to the men and women wounded in all American conflicts, will be erected at APG and designated a state memorial during a ceremony scheduled for Aug. 7. The memorial will be placed in front of the U.S. Army Ordnance Museum.



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Reservist wins small arms title for fifth time

Story and photo by
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USAMU PAO

More than 200 Soldiers competed against each other and Mother Nature at the history-making 2014 U.S. Army Small Arms Championship in Fort Benning, Ga.

Snow, ice and bone-chilling weather, combined with the highest female participation in two decades and the crowning of a five-time champ, made this year’s iteration of the Army’s premier marksmanship training event one to remember for years to come.

“It was interesting,” said Master Sgt. Russell Moore “It was great combat weather. It wasn’t anything our Soldiers aren’t facing around the world. It definitely affected things and you had to plan accordingly. I think it brought out the warrior in everybody.”

Cementing his legacy within the lore of the “All-Army,” Moore won the overall individual championship for a historic fifth time. The Army Reservist and Dept. of Army civilian from Boerne, Tex., edged out fellow Army Reservist Sgt. 1st Class John Buol in a close battle that came down to the final match.

“It was very close and we didn’t know who won until they announced it at the awards ceremony,” Moore said. “This one feels good because there were some phenomenal shooters this year.”

Moore spends his weekdays instructing combat medics at the U.S. Army Medical Department Center and School at Fort Sam Houston, Tex. He follows that up on the weekends as a ROTC instructor at the University of Texas at San Antonio with the 4-414th Regiment (SROTC) and said he takes the valuable lessons back to the classroom.

“I’ve been very happy to take what I learned here and other matches and, whether it’s my students or my cadets, to (explain to them) just how important individual marksmanship truly is to the Army,” Moore said.

Hosted by the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit, active duty, Army Reserve



Army Reservist Master Sgt. Russell Moore (center) fires on a target during the Combined Arms match Feb. 1 at the 2014 U.S. Army Small Arms Championship. Moore held off stiff competition from Soldiers from Active Duty, Army Reserve and National Guard to claim his fifth title at the All-Army.

and National Guard Soldiers were split into four main categories: pro, open, novice and cadet. Winners received plaques and coins, and their names were permanently engraved on trophies. Moore and the overall high novice shooter for the week, Capt. Nicholas Brunnet, were awarded a Secretary of the Army M1 Garand Trophy Rifle for their accomplishment. Team California won the overall team championship.

Snow and ice pelted Fort Benning on the second day of the event, leading to the post closing for a day and-a-half. USAMU personnel scrambled to adjust the schedule so the Soldiers who attended would still receive enough training to accomplish the general mission of the event.

“The All-Army is designed to be the ultimate train-the-trainer event for marksmanship,” said Lt. Col. Don King Jr, commander of , USAMU. “We task these Soldiers to take what they learned this week and take it back to their units to increase the overall combat readiness of our Army.”

Among the many highlights of the event was the increased participation of female Soldiers. Over the past decade of war, women have contributed in unprecedented ways to the Army’s mission and have proven their ability to serve in an expanding number of roles. Those who attended this year’s competition hope it opens the floodgates for more female attendance for years to come.

“This is my first All-Army but won’t be my last,” said Army Reservist Sgt. 1st Class Annette Habel, an Army Career Counselor hailing from Clairmont, Fla. “This has been so much fun, and I have met so many great people. I volunteered to come compete and am really glad I did.

The (combat pistol) team match was Habel’s favorite part of the event, she said. They had to cross the finish line together and shoot together and that’s what the Army teaches, to work as a team.

“I foresee that we’re going to have more females come out next year and give the guys more competition,” she added.

This championship allows Soldiers to test their marksmanship proficiency in challenging circumstances without the actual rigors of war so that when they are deployed they have the confidence and resources to win those battles, King said. The All-Army is really a training event cleverly disguised as a competition.

“I keep coming back because it is not only an opportunity not to meet and interact with other Soldiers from the guard, active (duty) and reserve,” Moore said. “It allows me to pass on what we have learned over the years and teach it to novices, especially, to the cadets -- our future leaders -- and the other Soldiers who compete.”

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Green named MMA 2013 Soldier of the Year

By
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Green

The Military Marksmanship Association named Staff Sgt. Brandon Green their 2013 Soldier of the Year during the association’s annual meeting Feb. 7 at the Pool International Shooting Complex in Fort Benning, Ga.

“I’m very proud to be a member of this unit ... and proud to be the Soldier of the Year,” said Green, a member of the Service Rifle Section. “I really appreciate this opportunity to train and work here.”

Green, a native of Covington, La., won the National Rifle Association’s 2013 National Highpower Rifle Championships at Camp Perry, Oh. It was his first national championship after several second and third place finishes throughout his career. Winning there is win-

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Staff Sgt. Brandon Green

ning against the best in the country, said (Ret.) Col. Robert I. Hoidahl Jr.

Green also won the 2013 Interservice Individual Championship for the fourth time and was a member of the team that swept all team matches on their way to the overall team title. He aided his team to shatter records and gain victories in team matches at Camp Perry and during the Interservice Team Championships.

The MMA supports the goals and

objectives of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit and provides a link to the history of the unit while hosting ceremonies and social events. The organization has more than 500 members, made up mostly of USAMU alum.

As it is for most years, Hoidahl, former USAMU commander and president of the MMA, said that it was extremely hard picking a winner among the finalists for the award.

The MMA 2013 Soldier of the Year nominees were: Staff Sgt. Patrick Franks, Cross Functional Team-Pistol; Staff Sgt. Daniel Horner, Action Shooting Section; Staff Sgt. Michael McPhail, International Rifle Section; Spc. Reuben Anderson, Custom Firearm Shop; Staff Sgt. Glenn Eller, Shotgun Team member; Sgt. John Joss, Paralympics Team member, and Sgt. Curtis Yetman, Instructor Training Group.

The members of the unit are extremely competitive, Green said.

“You have all of these outstanding shooters and anytime they pick up anything it becomes a competition,” he continued. “Whether we’re training on a different range or a different discipline, it’s that world-level competition that drives us to be as good as we are.”

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Army researchers inspire commercial development

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Researchers at the U.S. Army Research Laboratory go about their business every day working on projects to help better serve the military and its members who protect our country. Sometimes, the research inspires commercial companies to conduct additional research and expand on certain aspects to develop products of their own.

That is what happened with ARL’s research called “Inertial Reticule Technology,” where researchers who were then in the Weapons and Materials Research Directorate developed a concept to apply advanced fire control technology to sniper weapons.

As a result of this concept, a modern fire control system for rifles was developed by a Texas-based company, which later partnered with another prominent gun manufacturer. Their partnership allowed for the development of a new shooting system, which they claim may just revolutionize how targets are acquired. It is called the precision-guided firearm.

According to an article in American Rifleman magazine, dated Dec. 17, 2013, a new integrated rifle and sighting system was introduced in January 2013 in which a video screen scope with an internal laser rangefinder to measure the distance to the target and, using the latest in digital tech-

nology, factors in temperature, barometric pressure, incline/decline, cant, air density, spin drift, target movement and effect drift.

Raymond Von Wahlde, aerospace engineer, Vehicle Technology Directorate, learned about this discovery through his former colleagues Lucian Sadowski and Dr. Stephen Small both from Joint Service Small Arms Program who managed a project in the 1990’s known as, “Project White Feather.”

Small named the project as a tribute to famed sniper Gunnery Sgt. Carlos N. Hathcock II, also known as “White Feather.” Von Wahlde found that the new rifle was very similar to the technology he had coauthored a white paper on with Dennis Metz from EAI Corporation in August 1999, titled “Sniper Weapon Fire Control Error Budget Analysis,” data from which was included on the company’s website.

Von Wahlde contacted the company to see if those who developed their precision-guided firearms were aware of the Special Operations Command-sponsored project known as “Project White Feather.”

Von Wahlde said in his message, “we called it the ‘Inertial Reticule.’ It was the brainchild of Dr. Mark Kregel. Might the precision guided firearm trace its ancestry back at least in part to ‘Project White Feather?’”

Von Wahlde went on to say, “Your videos look remarkably like ours did back in the day. I am impressed with your imple-



Shown is the U.S. Army Research Laboratory’s Inertial Reticule Technology prototype. U.S. Army Photo

mentation. We utilized actual inertial sensors on the weapon to stabilize the desired aim point. I like your image processing method for doing so. Your solution to trigger pull is elegant. We replaced the trigger with a switch that armed the system. A solenoid actually pulled the trigger. That was one of the least liked features of our prototype by the users. Adjusting the trigger force is brilliant.”

Within a couple of days, Von Wahlde received a message back from the company.

“Thank you very much for your email. I appreciate your work -- Project White Feather continues to be the best compilation and serious study of sniper perfor-

mance data that I am aware of. We make everyone on the team read it. Thanks for your interest, would love to show you the system sometime,” said Bret Boyd, vice president of sales and marketing, TrackingPoint.

Von Wahlde, who was project engineer for much of the testing, said he gives a lot of credit to his former colleagues.

“The technology was the brain child of Dr. Mark Kregel (now retired) and along with Tom Haug (also retired) and Tim Brosseau from WMRD, they constructed the prototype systems for the IRT (Inertial Reticule Technology),” said Von Wahlde. “I am honored to be part of a team that served as an inspiration for these systems.”

Post concerns addressed at CVC meeting

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this month’s meeting were crosswalk and parking lot painting, motorcycle safety on post, aggressive driving, traffic light timing, Corvias housing improvements, extending the deer hunting season at APG, active shooter training, and inclement weather and social media updating.

Each meeting, the committee agrees on closed issues from the previous meeting, receives updates for ongoing issues, and examines current issues provided prior to the meeting. Members are also given the opportunity to submit new issues for future review.

Aggressive driving was a topic that dominated much of the discussion, as issues were raised regarding crosswalks and speed limit adherence. Ervin suggested lowering the speed limit to 35 mph on Aberdeen Blvd. in anticipation of increased future pedestrian traffic in the area.

Correlating crosswalk traffic and aggressive driving, McClinton said, “There’s nothing that prevents us from doing a traffic study. ... So we’ll do further analysis, and we just need to make sure that people cross at the appropriate locations.”

Committee members also requested an increased police presence and the placement of radar signs to combat dangerous driving habits.

Active shooter training will be scheduled in the near future for the housing residents with suggestions for simulated walk-through-style training sessions. Chief of Police Joel Holdford said active shooter training at APG is imperative.

“The good thing about the training is it doesn’t matter where you’re at. If you’re outside Walmart, if you’re at the commissary or if you’re in your place of work, those steps you’re supposed to take are the same and are put out by the Department of Homeland Security,” he said. “We’ve been training on this for a very long time. We’ve been really trying to get the word out about what people should do if that unfortunate incident occurs.”

The APG Police Department will continue to make active shooter training available on post, and each organization will be responsible for coordinating with police to conduct training sessions.

Corvias Military Living representatives said they are working on improving snow clearances around APG neighborhoods, promoting safe walking at APG by passing out safety belts to be worn by those walking or running on the installation, and adding to neighborhood beautification.

The Directorate of Public Works announced that designs for the running track to be built at Fanshaw Field are nearing completion.

At the meeting, participants agreed

the Route 22 Gate for APG North will remain open during inclement weather and be minimally manned during installation delays. The Directorate of Emergency Services will continue to work on improving the coordination of post traffic during inclement weather.

The Garrison Public Affairs Office -- represented by Public Affairs Specialist Adrian Foss -- also announced plans for a new web portal to be launched by the end of March. The office is currently working on ways to send out text messages about post closings and delays via an opt-in service.

The PAO will post a banner with such information on its webpage and encourages post residents and employees to continue checking its Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/APGMd> and using the SNOW line (410-278-SNOW) for the most recent updates. The new site will also post information about several critical services on post.

When asked whether KUSAHC would have a few clinical staff there if APG were to close early, Commander Lt. Col. David R. Zinnante answered that because 34 percent of his employees reside in Cecil County, Kirk follows APG guidance for late arrivals and closures. He added that because of this, Kirk will soon add a 24-hour nurse advice line to its services.

Dern said the CVC will continue pur-

suing issues until they are resolved or addressed. “People like it when they can come and sit down and discuss issues concerning them,” Dern said. “They feel like their needs are being heard by the head of the Garrison. ... I think it helps build the community in general because everyone can come together. They have a voice and feel they have a say.”

The CVC will soon have a link on the APG website where people can obtain updates on community issues. Post community members can submit any issues or concerns by using the Interactive Customer Evaluation system, which allows individuals to rate post services online. ICE is accessible via its website, ice.disa.mil.

Organizations represented at last week’s meeting included the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command; U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command; U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command; Garrison Headquarters and Headquarters Company; APG Commissary; APG Civilian Personnel Advisory Center; Corvias Military Living; Joint Program Executive Office for Chemical and Biological Defense; Army and Air Force Exchange; U.S. Army Network Enterprise Center; APG Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation; Department of Plans, Mobilization, Training and Security; and the DPW.

CVC will hold its next meeting in April.

Cracking down on aggressive driving at APG

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months ago,” Davis said. “Most motorists on this installation are very courteous. There is always an exception of someone having a bad day, and tempers will flare. Federal employees are generally very good about notifying the police when something is wrong.”

Davis suggested if APG drivers see a motorist driving act dangerously, they should immediately call 911, record the offending vehicle’s license plate number if possible, and get a description of the violator. Davis advised to remain calm and to avoid any verbal or physical contact with the violator. He cautioned that

there have been road rage cases off the installation that have resulted in fatalities. According to an AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety study, in the U.S. over 300 road rage incidents occur per year involving serious injuries and fatalities.

“If someone is bullying you behind the wheel, the best thing to do is to avoid any contact and proceed to a “safe haven” like the police station, Commissary, or PX (Exchange).” He said. “If you try to stand your ground, the situation could escalate.”

Davis said the best offense to aggressive driving is to drive defensively and always be aware of one’s surroundings.

At APG, ticketed drivers will receive

a federal citation and the case will be tried by a U.S. magistrate judge. The driver’s supervisor will also be notified.

“If the violation is serious enough, like driving under the influence, violators can actually have their installation driving privileges suspended or revoked,” Davis said. “They could even be barred from coming to work.”

Violators charged with aggressive driving could be fined at least \$400 and charged with five points on their driving record.

“The judge has the leeway to take the fine up to \$1,000,” Davis said.

Davis said the best way to avoid

falling victim to aggressive driving is to plan ahead, allowing plenty of time for a driver to reach his or her destination. He also cautioned against transporting people who are having medical emergencies.

“That is what they have emergency services for, to transport those people,” he said. “If you are driving a critically ill person, you could harm the patient and yourself. You might not even reach your destination.”

For more information on aggressive driving, visit the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration website, <http://www.nhtsa.gov/Aggressive>.

False website confusion clarified by CID announcement

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The official “MyArmyBenefits” website can be found at <http://myarmybenefits.us.army.mil>. This is the authorized U.S. Army benefits website and serves as the go-to source for all benefits and services available and continues to successfully assist Soldiers and their families.

Soldiers and former service members are required to use either their CAC or AKO login information to access the official website. As a reminder, the official site ends with “.mil.”

According to CID special agents, the primary purpose of the bogus website is to collect as many U.S. Army service members’ Army Knowledge Online (AKO) email accounts and passwords. The bogus website also makes the false

claim of that “The US military has granted access to unclaimed and accumulated army benefits for the under listed active duty soldiers. Benefits not claimed within the stipulated period will be available for claims after 60 months.”

CID strongly recommends that Soldiers, Department of the Army civilians, Army retirees and family members avoid this website and ignore any information or claims posted on the site.

Most online scam attempts are easily recognizable as they are usually unsolicited emails or texts; hoax websites that contain misspelled words, punctuation and grammatical errors, and often ask for private information, such as an individual’s email address and password.

Cyber-crime and internet fraud

presents unique challenges to U.S. law enforcement agencies as criminals have the ability to mask their true identities, locations and cover their tracks quickly. Websites and accounts can easily be established and deleted in very little time, allowing scam artists to strike, and then disappear before law enforcement can respond.

The ability of law enforcement to identify these perpetrators is very limited, so individuals must stay on the alert and be personally responsible to protect both themselves and their loved ones.

CID strongly recommends that Soldiers, civilians and family members who receive any suspicious and/or unsolicited emails should delete them immediately without response. However, if you have provided any information to the My Army Benefits website or have received any correspondence from the website, take the following steps:

- DO NOT LOGIN TO THE WEBSITE
- DO NOT RESPOND TO ANY EMAILS
- STOP all contact if you have previously responded to any emails.
- IMMEDIATELY CONTACT your local Information Assurance (IA) office if you
 - accessed the website from a government computer or system.
 - Other cyber-crime resources available are:
 - Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3): <http://www.ic3.gov/default.aspx>
 - Federal Trade Commission: spam@uce.gov

By reporting this cybercrime one can assist law enforcement agencies

in their investigations and help bring those responsible to justice. For more information regarding cyber crime and staying safe online, visit the CID Lookout or the Computer Crimes Investigative Unit (CCIU) webpage page at www.cid.army.mil.

CID Lookout is a U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command (USACIDC) initiative to partner with the Army community by providing a conduit for members of the Army family, to help prevent, reduce and report felony-level crime.

The USACIDC, commonly known as CID, is an independent criminal investigative organization that investigates serious, felony-level crime such as murder, rape, sexual assault, robbery, arson, fraud, and even cyber crime or intrusions into the Army networks (see CID Cyber Lookout).

Solving and preventing these types of crime cannot be achieved solely by CID Special Agents and the Military Police. Together, professional law enforcement officers and the Army community must work hand-in-hand to fight serious crime. As such, CID is On Point for the Army and depends heavily on Soldiers, family members and civilian employees to Be On The Lookout and provide assistance in keeping the Army Strong and safe.

CID Lookout provides the latest information to the Army community aimed at helping Soldiers protect themselves, their families and to reduce their chances of becoming crime victims.

For more information on CID or to report a felony-level crime or provide information concerning a crime, contact your local CID Office or the Military Police, or visit www.cid.army.mil

Did you know?

There is an historic covered bridge located near APG that is reportedly haunted by spirits?



OK, here are seven facts about the Jericho Covered Bridge. **Fact:** The bridge is located on Jericho Road in ye olde, once Quaker hamlet of Jerusalem, near the historic Jerusalem Mill Village and Kingsville (about 16 miles from APG). **Fact:** It is a Burr arch-through-truss wooden covered bridge designed by Baltimore machinist Thomas Forsyth. **Fact:** The bridge was built at a cost of \$3,125 between 1850 and 1860 across the Little Gunpowder Falls. **Fact:** It is 88 feet long and 14.7 feet wide. **Fact:** On Sept. 13, 1978, the bridge was listed on the National Register of Historic Places. **Fact:** It is the only covered bridge in Harford County. **Fact:** Renovations were made to the original bridge in 1937 and 1982.

OK, now for the not-so-much facts.

There are rumors and speculation that the bridge is haunted by the ghosts of Civil War Soldiers and others folks. Legend has it that several lynchings (supposedly of runaway slaves and servants) took place on the bridge, antebellum, during and after the War Between the States. Allegedly, captured people were hung from the bridge’s rafters. Some locals even claim that at night, if you drive across the bridge and look into a rearview mirror, you can actually see the image of a corpse swinging in the breeze. (Editorial Admission: this intrepid reporter opted against investigating this particular matter.)

Others claim to have heard people talking late at night inside the bridge, with a woman singing a lullaby and a few blood-curdling screams. Yet other night-owl paranormal sleuths have claimed that their cars have stalled inexplicably on the bridge at night, only to start up a few minutes later.

In addition, there are legends that an old woman carrying a basket crosses the bridge every night around midnight and that a little girl was burned to death there long ago and haunts the place.

As Scooby would say, “Rut-ro!”

Alan Feiler, APG News

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CUDDLING UP IN AN IGLOO

Twins Liam Lange and Soren Lange, 4, with their friend Cassandra Warner, 5, have fun in an “igloo” at the APG South (Edgewood) child development center Feb. 12. Pre-K Instructor Charles Novak constructed the igloo from milk cartons donated by parents. Novak said he used the igloo as an opportunity to teach the children about the Inuit people, who use snow to build igloos, mainly as temporary shelter during hunting or fishing trips.

Photo by Rachel Ponder

New BRAC round would save money, increase Army readiness

By **DAVID VERGUN**
Army News Service

As the budget shrinks and as the active Army draws down to 490,000, elimination of excess infrastructure is needed, say leaders from Army Installations, Housing & Partnerships.

There are a lot of spaces and facilities at installations throughout the U.S. that are not being utilized or are just partially utilized, said Paul Cramer, deputy assistant secretary for Installations, Housing & Partnerships, or IHP.

Yet by law, he said, the Army is required to maintain those facilities.

So the Army’s recommendation to the Office of the Secretary of Defense, known as OSD, and Congress is that a new round of BRAC -- base realignment and closure -- is needed for 2017, he said.

The Army is finalizing its database on infrastructure status and will give its findings to OSD, he said. In turn, OSD will present the Army’s recommendations -- along with those of other services to Congress in the form of draft legislation, most likely by April.

IHP provides policy, programing and oversight of the secretary of the Army’s Title 10 responsibilities in real estate, military construction, housing, engineering and BRAC. The agency reports to Katherine Hammack, assistant secretary of the Army for Installations, Energy and Environment.

If Congress authorizes another BRAC round, the Army would develop a long-term force structure plan, said Andy Napoli, assistant for BRAC, IHP. For the last round of BRAC, in 2005, the Army provided a 20-year plan, he said.

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Andy Napoli
Assistant for BRAC, IHP.

While there’s a lot of talk about Army end strength going down even further than 490,000 and with the budget in a state of flux, Napoli said the Army can nonetheless provide an accurate forecast model by plugging in any force structure figures, dollar amounts and infrastructure status.

“You have to know where you’re at first, in order to know where you want to be,” he said, describing the process they’re now finalizing.

Napoli said IEE wants for every Army installation to be used at 100 percent. A new BRAC round should not be done in piecemeal, shaving infrastructure from every single installation to balance the reductions. Rather, it would be more prudent in terms of management and readiness to close underutilized installations and consolidate the remainder.

Napoli explained that reducing the infrastructure and manpower of an installation by, say, 20 percent, would not benefit the community outside the gate. That 20 percent reduction would have a ripple effect in the community, with losses in revenues for hotels, fast food, real estate and so on.

If a community doesn’t subscribe to a BRAC closure, they’d be locking themselves in to that 20 percent or whatever

cut is made, he said, and they wouldn’t have a say in how the land or structures are reutilized.

On the other hand, if a facility were slated to close under BRAC, the community would, by law, have a say in how the land and facilities are reutilized, he continued.

“We think there’s an argument to be made that there’s goodness for all communities to be in on the BRAC talks process,” Napoli said.

Cramer said there are examples of communities “that fought BRAC 2005 and now say it was the best thing that happened” to them.

He cited a number of installations including Port San Antonio, Tex.; Fort Ord, Cal.; and Fort Monmouth, N.J., that were turned over to the community which redeveloped the land and structures commercially with subsequent benefits in employment and tax revenue.

Napoli added that the Reserve Component, particularly the National Guard, has expressed some interest in a future round of BRAC.

In BRAC 2005, he said, a limited number of states decided to come onboard. As a result, they found cost savings and other efficiencies by consolidating smaller armories into larger

ones near population centers. States not participating in BRAC 2005 saw that and now they too want to get in on the benefits, he said.

The proposed BRAC 2017 would not resemble the BRAC 2005 round, Napoli said. For one, BRAC 2005 was more expensive than other rounds before it because force structure at the time was increasing due to the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Secondly, installations in South Korea and Germany were being turned over to the host countries and tens of thousands of Soldiers were returning to the U.S. and more spaces were needed for them.

Third, BRAC 2005 was also used as a tool to convert the Army from a Cold War legacy force to a modern, more easily deployable modular brigade combat team structure.

Even with those cost increases, Napoli said the Army is realizing more than a billion dollars of savings a year as a result of BRAC 2005. “That’s not an insignificant return on investment.”

Napoli and Cramer both said BRAC 2017 won’t have those three variables in play and that even greater cost savings and efficiencies could be realized.

1 Billion

Money saved per year for the Army as a result of BRAC 2005

Motivational speaker hopes to untie emotional ‘knots’

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lives,” he said.

A Baltimore native, Howard has talked to top companies, military installations, schools, individuals and Families around the world about knots-free living and relationship-building for the past 18 years.

“I consider it a humble privilege to be invited to share my message,” Howard said. “I can inspire people to change, but people hearing my message have to do the work. They have to have the desire to change.”

APG Health Promotion Officer Wendy LaRoche from the U.S. Army Public Health Command, said the decision to host the seminar was based on feedback that the CHPC received from surveys and feedback from vendors and attendees during installation health fairs.

“We discovered our community was very interested in behavioral health,” she said. “And people will enjoy [Howard’s] humorous and relatable presentation style.”

The event will also include representatives from ASAP, KUSAHC and the Office of the Chaplain, and a behavioral psychology expert from the Kennedy Krieger Institute will have information on stress, divorce, anger management, dating, parenting, substance abuse, suicide prevention and more. Attendees will also have a chance to talk to Howard, who will sign personal copies of “Untie the Knots That Tie Up Your Life.”

Staff Sgt. Joseph C. Hill, the Non-commissioned Officer in Charge of KUSAHC’s Behavioral Health Clinic, said he is excited to help bring this event to APG.

“We all have personal conflict, we all can relate to Ty Howard’s message in some way,” he said. “These are skills you can use in everyday life. I hope the ‘Take Control of Your Life’ seminar becomes an annual event at APG.”

Hill added that the presentation will be broadcast to up to 10 military installations across the U.S. via video-conferencing. “This could not only impact APG, but the military as a whole,” he said.

The Commander of KUSAHC, Lt. Col. David R. Zinnante, hopes to see many people take advantage of this free seminar and stressed the hard work put in by the CHPC, ASAP and KUSAHC.

“These events take a lot of planning and coordination,” he said. “This is an excellent opportunity for Team APG to take in a professional speaker that is entertaining, interactive and results driv-

en. We all get caught up in the daily grind and Ty’s presentation will give us all an opportunity to reflect, learn and hopefully improve ourselves, our Families and our organizations.”

Lunch will be provided for attendees. For more information e-mail Hill at joseph.c.hill2@us.army.mil, or call 817-403-9706.

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